

Local Intelligence.  
TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 1, 1871.

HARLEM EXTENSION RAILROAD.

J. S. FAIRBANKS, JR., SUPERINTENDENT.  
OFFICE—BUTLAND, VERMONT.  
Trains Leave Manchester.  
GOING NORTH.  
8:45 a. m.—Mixed.  
9:45 a. m.—Freight and Passenger. This train runs Monday, Wednesday & Friday.  
11:30 a. m.—Mixed.  
1:30 p. m.—Mixed.  
GOING SOUTH.  
9:45 a. m.—Freight and Passenger. This train runs Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday.  
11:30 a. m.—Mixed.  
1:30 p. m.—Mixed.

Stage Routes.  
Jama, Rupert, Point, (formerly do).  
H. M. AUSTIN, Proprietor.  
Daily. Arrives, 10:30 a. m. Leaves, 11:00 a. m.

Wickford, Bondville, Jamaica, Dorset, do.  
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AUNT ABBY'S BIRTHDAY.—It was the first of March. The early morning was most unpropitious, but by nine o'clock the sun shone out, as if to remind us of the sun shone out on the day when our Father was mindful of our wants, even in the lesser things of life. We were busy in preparing for the expected guests, for we had invited the "Old Folks" to come and celebrate the occasion. The old lady was all anxiety to get herself arrayed in her best, and with her usual care for her cap, her hair and her kerchief, she was in waiting to receive her early friends. By and by they came; men with heavy coats, but firm step; mothers with their sons as escorts, until our south room was filled. With each new comer the countenance of Aunt Abby would glow with the radiance of returning youth. And she seemed so joyous, as she sat surrounded by her early friends. Such chattering, such reminiscences of the past, enquiries of one and another, whom all had known, their whereabouts now, till we seemed to forget that we belonged to the present generation, and so joined in the general enthusiasm, till we almost forgot that the wants of the inner man must be looked after. But recalled to duty, we were soon permitted to invite them to dinner. When the boys & girls, as they styled themselves, were seated in Aunt's kitchen and grace was said by the eldest boy, then, O then, we looked upon the happy faces surrounding our simple board with such feelings as will not soon be forgotten.

There was but one, in that happy group of sixteen—the youngest seventy years of age—whose nerves showed the effects of age in the least. That one, more nervous to doubt on account of the exciting occasion, seemed as happy as any.

After dinner as it was drawing toward the close of the middle-day and as some of the anxious ones, who were beginning to feel "What is home without a Mother," would soon be for them, we sang "There's a beautiful home for thee, Mother." Then one of the elder brethren invoked Heaven's blessings to rest on the gathering, and to go with them to their homes and there abide with them to ease them down the declivity of life to the valley, and even there not to forsake them. O! we felt as though the Father was surely hearing and His guiding hand was over us. When the amen was said, all hearts seemed melted into one, and the partings seemed and for all felt, we shall not all meet again here.

The names and ages of those present at Aunt Abby's party were as follows: Mrs. Abby Mead (Aunt Abby), 89 years; Mr. J. S. Pettibone, 85; Mr. Horace Walker, 84; Mrs. H. Walker, 81; Mr. Samuel Folson, 82; Mrs. S. Folson, 80; Col. M. Hawley, 80; Mrs. M. Hawley, 83; Mr. Eben Chamberlin, 80; Mrs. Eliza, 78; Mrs. Joseph Burton, 75; Mrs. Loren Dean, 75; Mrs. Alvah Hollister, 74; Mr. Hiram Walker, 72; Mrs. H. Walker, 71; Mrs. Benjamin Munson, 70.

G. W. C.

Manchester, March 3, 1871.

The last meeting, an "extra," of the Terpsichorean Club, took place at the Elm House on Friday evening, and was a pleasant affair of the kind. The supper, we are informed, was very fine, and everything agreeable.

Copenhagen Parties are all the rage in some of the towns in the northern part of the State, for raising money for charitable purposes. Those attending are privileged to kiss the girls all the evening. Admission five cents. From one of these parties there was realized \$80.50, and from another \$67.10.

This is what we call a very "agreeable" way of "doing good." (?)

The Troy Press reports a Copenhagen Party in Bennington Centre, on the 22d of February, which was a success.

How much more "elevating" and "refining" this is than "kicking about" to the music of the "fiddle and the bow," as some of our young people do. "Such is life." (?)

Hon. Chauncey Green, administrator will sell that part of the Eben L. Way farm (lying on the west side of the highway leading to Dorset, at Ancton on the 3d of April; also, at the same time all the good apparatus a lot of marble, one Wood working machine, etc., upon the place is 800 fine maple trees, and 75 acres of wood and timber land on the eastern slope of the Equinox Mountain. The location is very fine, about one fourth of a mile north of Manchester village. It ought to sell well, good running water on the place. A beautiful site for a handsome house. None better in this vicinity. We hope some one will buy who will improve it.

Solomon Westcott of Factory Point is about moving to Iowa to engage in farming. He will sell his household furniture, provisions, etc., on Saturday, 11th inst. at 10 o'clock a. m. at his residence. The furniture is all nearly new and there will be a good chance to buy cheap. A. J. Gray Esq., will officiate as auctioneer. We always thought Solomon was a wise man, but if he is? Why does he leave old Manchester?

Letters remaining in the Post Office at Manchester, Vt., March 7th, 1871: Mr. George Birch, John C. Barnes, Ed. Nettleton, J. N. Bacon & Co., Edwin J. Swayne, Mrs. Susan Canfield, Mrs. Mary Harris.

W. B. BURTON, F. M.

St. Patrick's day, March 17th will be celebrated in grand style at Rutland. The Burlington Irish Societies will participate in the exercises of the occasion. If the weather is fine there will be a grand display of the Emblems of the "Ever Green Isle."

Mrs. Dr. Ranney of New York, notice of whose death appeared in the last week's JOURNAL, was a daughter of the late E. M. Curtis of this place. She died of Pneumonia caused by taking cold from exposure when visiting some friends in affliction.

We think something should be done to improve the roads and particularly the bridges in this town. We hope it will be talked up in town meeting to-day. It is of the greatest importance that the roads should be kept in good order; and it would undoubtedly be good economy for the town to build some arch stone bridges over the small streams on main roads where travel is largest. The bridge at the south end of this village is a poor one. Probably if the town would pay half the expense a good stone bridge could be built.

Children cry for Eley's Carbolie Troches. Grown people talk about the JOURNAL and subscribe for it too. Lively times corner Main and Union streets. A box of troches and the JOURNAL will prevent taking cold and keep off the blues.

W. R. Dean is alive to the fact that the JOURNAL circulates largely down the line of our Railroad where lumber is wanted. He is adding to his mill carriage, so as to saw very long timber and will fill orders promptly at the lowest market prices.

Real estate is selling. Doctor L. H. Hemenway has purchased the new house erected by Mr. Chas. N. Bennett. Price for house and lot (one acre) \$4500. We hear several other sales talked of.

It appears that moving the School House to a lot on North Main Street did not quite ruin the property in that vicinity. At least the sales in that part of the village do not indicate it.

The house formerly occupied by Mrs. Holton as a millinery store, &c., has been rented by A. J. Gray, Esq., to Mrs. E. Lawrence for a millinery and dress making establishment.

Diaries for 1871 can be bought at just half price at the Drug Store next door. "L. C." says, if he "recognizes his own photograph" what he has left in the above line is going to be sold "instantly." He means what he says, and now is the time to get a bargain if you want a Diary.

The Philomathean Society at the Burr & Burton Seminary gave their last public debate of this term, last Thursday evening. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman; prayer by Rev. L. A. Austin, after which, declamation of "The Barons Last Banquet" by Mr. Allen Clark; music: The "Mariner Boy;" Dialogue by Holley, Burritt and Sheldon.

Then came the regular debate: Question. Resolved: "That it is better that the young men of Vermont emigrate to the cities and the West, than to remain in Vermont."

Affirmative. Negative.  
Mr. Simonds. Mr. Burritt,  
Mr. McCandless. Mr. Ray.

After a spirited contest it was decided in favor of the negative. After this came a "Stump Speech," by C. H. Burritt, (A. Ward); during which he was frequently interrupted by bursts of applause. His affection for "all the Manchester Drug Stores" was intense, but his hate for "New England Rum" was equally great.

Then followed a dialogue by Messrs. Frogley, Lee, Lewis, Holley, and Ray. We must not omit to notice Mr. C. W. Thatchers efficient rendering of the "Palm of Life." After singing of "Auld Lang Syne," by Messrs. Simonds, Combe, Burritt and Utley, the meeting was adjourned.

On Friday evening there was a general reunion at the same place. Notwithstanding the unpropitious elements the attendance was large, and enjoyment universal.

Public Rhetorical Exercises took place last evening, but we are unable to give a report until our next issue. Examinations began yesterday morning and will continue through to-day.

The "Old Sen" is prospering under its present efficient manager the Rev. L. A. Austin.

We understand that the Elm House in this village is to receive a substantial improvement this Spring. It is in contemplation to put on a French or Mansard roof, which will add a number of fine rooms to the capacity of the house, and give this popular hotel a more modern and much finer appearance.

FACTORY POINT.

Dr. Jewett will deliver a Temperance Lecture at Adam's Hall, on Friday evening of this week, at 7 o'clock. He comes highly recommended. Give him a full house.

H. D. Baldwin is building a dwelling house here.

The stream of charcoal continues to flow south to the Iron Works of Barre, Richardson & Co., at Millerton, etc.

East Dorset boasts that over fifty JOURNALS are circulated there. Is it true? Yes! it is true; and there ought to be double that number.—EDR. JOURNAL.

SUNDERLAND.

The donation for the benefit of the Rev. Mr. Sutton, on Thursday Evening last at the house on No. 10 passed off to the satisfaction of all present. It was an enjoyable occasion, and will long be remembered by its participants. The receipts were about \$50.00.

L. G. King & E. Brown have purchased of H. Lathrop 4000 cords of wood and about 40,000 feet of ash lumber in the tree. It is the intention of the firm to commence cutting and drawing the same immediately.

The large building being erected by Bradley & Bacon for a steam mill, is progressing rapidly and is assuming levitation proportions. Some delays have been occasioned on account of the difficulty in procuring suitable lumber for its completion. Dennis Bushee the contractor for furnishing 10,000 logs for the mill is having a sorry time in accomplishing the work with little or no snow in the valleys, and the mountains covered with ice which makes the ascent and descent dangerous, some hair breadth escapes are reported but no serious accidents have yet occurred. He is pushing the work with energy, which is characteristic of the man.

Our very worthy townsman, Giles Houghton, and a veteran in the tin trade has recovered from a severe illness. He is not dead as has often been reported, but is again on the road with his usual variety of goods, and ready to furnish his customers and the public generally, with anything and everything in the line of tin, from a tin-whistle to a wash-bowl.

The weather is very Spring-like and I see many are making preparations for commencing sugar making. We also hear the merry notes of the blue-birds, which is a sure harbinger of welcome Spring.

BARRENSVILLE.

The Rev. Francis W. Smith has resigned the Rectory of St. James Parish in this place, to take effect March 1st, and the same has been accepted by the vestry. The death of his mother, and continued ill health of his father renders this necessary that he may remove to St. Albans, where they reside.

The firing heard in the east part of the town, on the evening of the 28th ult., was in honor of the signing of the terms of peace between Bismark and the French Commissioners. Our German citizens thinking such a result worthy of some notice. Frank means to keep up the patriotic fire among his countrymen, that is very evident.

McLear's Dramatic Troupe gave an entertainment at the Town Hall one evening during the last week, to a very good sized audience. Their performance was above the average of traveling troupes of the kind. They expect to appear here again soon, and no doubt will be greeted by a full house.

The statement last week that Elizabeth Seeley, born in 1769, was the first child born in this town, proves to be incorrect, although Denning's state papers and other authorities of some note have made the statement before. The records of families in the town show that Sarah Ann Hawley, born in 1767 was the first. She died in 1860 at Milton in this state, aged 93 years.

BARRENSVILLE.

The people of Bondville will hold a Neck Tie Festival in the Town Hall on Friday evening March 10th. The audience will be entertained with Dramatic Performances, Tableaux, and Pantomimes. A supper will be furnished for a nominal sum, the proceeds of which are to be applied to the improvements made upon the property of the M. E. Church in this place.

The weather during the past week has been more like spring than winter, and our lumbermen wear long faces, as the days lengthen and no snow appears, and the mud grows deeper.

EAST ARLINGTON.

"Snow! Snow!" is the great need here at present. What is the JOURNAL good for if we can't have snow to get in our logs?

The ladies of the Congregational Society, in East Arlington, gave a Neck-Tie Sociable at Billings' Hall on the evening of March 2d. The novelty of the thing drew a crowd, and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves, although, youth, manhood and old age were slightly mixed up when the neck-ties were drawn and supper was announced. The Art Gallery was quite a feature of the evening, and contributed in no small degree to the pleasure of the entertainment, reflecting a good deal of credit on its originators. The society realized between \$60 and \$70.

WEST ARLINGTON.

R. T. Hurd is engaged in buying wool. He thinks farmers in this section ought not to give up sheep entirely but "keep enough for seed."

W. H. Hoyt and wife, formerly residents of this part of our town, now living just over the line in Jackson, N. Y., celebrated their tin wedding on Tuesday, February 21st. There was a large attendance of friends, many from this town being present. With plenty of tin, the whole thing passed off splendidly. About two hours after the departure of the guests, however, the barn in the rear of the house was discovered to be on fire. All efforts to extinguish it were unavailing. There was stored in the barn about \$1500 worth of furs, upon which there was an insurance of about two-thirds value, all of which was destroyed. Barn worth \$1000, insured for \$450. Henry will have the sympathies of many friends hereabouts in this additional streak of ill luck. It is not yet known how the fire originated, by some it is thought to have been set by an incendiary.

There is a good deal of talk about the improvement in the JOURNAL. Your friends here all wish you success.

Local news is about as scarce as snow. It is a great loss to us not having any sleighing this winter.

There will be a donation party in this place at the dwelling of O. Clark, Esq., on the evening of the 7th inst., for the benefit of Rev. Wilbur F. Foot, who has preached to this people the past year.

M. F. Miles who is an extensive manufacturer of car-wheel iron at Copake, on the Harlem R. R., Columbia County N. Y., has been doing a large business in the charcoal line in this locality for nearly two years. He has now ready for use four brick kilns of large capacity which he will commence burning the first of next month. It will require fifty hands to furnish the necessary amount of wood, work the kilns, and deliver the coal in the cars at Arlington station. He has also several gangs burning coal "under the dirt."

R. T. Hurd and his partner, E. Judson, have purchased over two hundred thousand pounds of wool in this and the adjoining counties within the last six weeks. A large part of this has been delivered in bulk, at Hurd's store in this place, sacked or bagged and sent to market from Shushan station. The recent advance in wool has unearched or brought to the surface a large quantity of this article which had times and low prices had kept out of sight for several years. One lot consisting of nine clips, was found, a portion of which, these same parties at one time offered one dollar and ten cents per pound for; but the owner held out, and a great many don't hesitate to take them now if offered. Hurd & Judson left for the West on Wednesday morning last, with a view of purchasing wool in Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin.

Our quondam acquaintance, the First Tuesday in March, has promised to be in this town, (and it is understood in some others) on the 7th inst. It is generally thought he will distribute his favors with his usual impartiality, re-appointing some to office and dis-appointing others.

EAST DORSET.

Our Roman Catholic brethren celebrated the beginning of the Lenten fast with a three days' service in their church in this place. Father Gaffney, our resident priest, was assisted by several other priests from adjacent towns, and the ceremonies were of a varied and impressive character. A large number of Catholics were assembled at all the services, filling their little church to overflowing. We understand they have in contemplation the erection of a much larger and more suitable church. We may expect an edifice which will be an ornament to the place for when the Romanists build, they build well.

A Book Club has recently been organized here, which we regard as one of the most hopeful indications of improvement. They have just received their first installment of books, about sixty-five volumes, comprising some of the best literature of the day. Books of History, Biography, Science and general literature. As specimens we will mention Prescott's Histories, Greeley's Recollections of a busy life, Margaret Fuller's Notes of Travel, Miss Mulock's (Fair France, Carleton's New Way round the World, and Dr. Hayes' Arctic Boat Journey. In general literature the recent books of Lowell, Emerson and Ruskin, and a choice selection of the best novels of the famous writers of fiction.

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BARRENSVILLE.

The sleighing is nearly gone.

Think Landgrove must be called the banner town on women's rights.

The members of the Union Church are rejoicing in the anticipation of having some horse sheds at the Church, which are greatly needed.

The choir of the Union Church met a few evenings since to choose leaders for the year. They made choices of Wm. E. Tuttle as first; for second Miss Helen A. Fenn was chosen. She also plays at the church.

Elan Shaw gave a lecture on capital punishment February 28th. He proved from the Bible that it ought not to be abolished. His discourse was listened to with marked attention.

Mr. E. Moon has a hen's egg which weighs one-fourth pound. That's hard to beat.

The young people of Landgrove seem to be bent on a good time. About 30 of them gathered at the house of George Richardson, last Tuesday evening, where to all accounts a very enjoyable time was passed when at 12 o'clock all went home well pleased with their entertainment.

The mill yard of H. Harlow begins to look like lively times for the saws and mill men this Spring.

H. L. Richardson has tapped his sugar orchard and anticipates making a large amount of very sweet sugar. We know his sap is sweet and guess his sugar will be equally as good.

There was a school examination held in District No. 2, last Tuesday afternoon, thirty-five of the parents and friends of the pupils were present, all agreed in pronouncing it a success. Prizes were awarded to the best readers in 4th and 5th readers, also two in spelling classes. First prize in reading to Miss Hattie Woodward; 2nd to Miss Flora Thomson; 1st prize in spelling to Miss Jennie Thomson; 2nd to Miss F. Thomson, the reading and spelling was excellent. And may those happy childish voices never take on a shade or tinge of sadness but always echo in joyous unison, as they have through my sojourn with them as teacher, friend, and counselor.

There has been continued through the winter a series of very interesting, amusing, and instructive lyceums in this town. I attribute our growing enterprise (in part) to the very interesting paper we receive here every week from your side of the mountain. Long may the JOURNAL and its present proprietors prosper, is the wish of one that has been a constant subscriber ever since the first JOURNAL was printed.

BENNINGTON.

On Wednesday evening last a man by the name of Richard Newton shot himself through the abdomen with a common shot gun. He was a printer by trade and formerly worked in New York. It is said he has lived unhappily with his wife for a year or more, and by some he was considered insane.

Putnam's new Hotel will add very much to the business accommodations of our village. We ought to be thankful for so good a one. It is not every man that would put so much money into such a building to be used as a Hotel in a place of this size. Now the main point is to get the right man to manage it. There is no saying nearer the truth than that it takes a man of brains to keep a first class Hotel.

The Hotels of Manchester have done very much for your town as all will admit. We hope the right man may be found to take charge of the Putnam House.

It is expected that the question of payment of interest upon the bonds of the town issued to the Lebanon Springs Railroad will be the main "fight" on Tuesday. It looks now as though the decision will be to "pay nothing" until the matter has been tried in the courts. Can we afford to take this position is what many candid men are asking themselves.

The books for subscription to the stock of the Wallomasee Railroad will soon be opened and many are sanguine of the success of the project. That something should be done, to open the route to Troy, Albany and the west, in a way that will meet our business necessities, all agree.

BENNINGTON CENTRE.

Bennington Centre does not wish to help build a "Graded School" for Bennington. So we go, here in the south end.

SOUTH DORSET.

The company of Shakers from Mt. Lebanon, N. Y., who drew so unusually large audiences both at Danby and East Dorset, on the 24th ult., were entertained by Mr. Daniel Curtis, who has for many years been their firm friend, and at whose request they held these meetings. It is sincerely regretted that Mr. Curtis was too ill at the time to attend the services, and that he still remains so low. Many will join with us in hoping that our aged friend may soon regain his usual health.

The universal demand seems to be, "let us have snow." Although the farmers here have made the most of every day, their wood contracts are far from being filled. The late icy time proved disastrous to the teams. S. L. Griffith lost one valuable horse, and others were considerably injured.

We notice the removal, within a few days, of two farmers from a few miles above here to their new homes in Manchester; Daniel Fish having taken J. E. McNaughton's farm, and Hiram Johnson having purchased a house and land in the vicinity of the Brick Tavern, (Barre-ville) and taken adjoining land owned by Col. M. Hawley.

WALLINGFORD.

Spring seems to be upon us and business begins to start, our village is reasonably prosperous and new plans are talked of to increase the manufacturing interests of the place. The distance to Middletown Springs from our depot is 11 miles; we ought to have a stage line during the summer to accommodate the pleasure travel. Who will start it?

There was a milk meeting at the Depot in this place on Wednesday last. Mr. Cummings was present and talked to our farmers in a plain, business-like manner; they are still undecided but I think eventually will embark in the enterprise.

WEST PAWLET.

Mrs. Eleazer Gillman was missed from her house one day last week and she could not be found for some time. About one hundred of the neighbors were searching for her. At night when her family had about given up finding her, she walked into the house. Said she had been lying under the woodshed. She has been taken to the Brattleboro Insane Asylum.

The Pawlet River rises in Dorset, runs through Rupert and Pawlet into Wood Creek (in the town of Fort Ann, N. Y.), which empties into Lake Champlain at Whitehall. This will be the route of the Battenkill & Pawlet Rivers Railroad when built, and will shorten the distance by rail from Manchester to Whitehall about 11 miles, and make a lake connection for the Harlem Extension Railroad.

Chas. J. West has sold his farm to Leonard Vail for \$4,000.

Dea. Titus Sheldon has sold his house and lot to Calvin Gookins. Price \$2400.

Deacon T. Sheldon has bought a small place in Dorset.

A. H. Denio of East Rupert has sold the house that he has lived in for the past few years and 54 acres of land to Byron H. Sykes. Price \$5000.

L. D. Hopkins has sold one-half of the premises occupied by J. Wilder to George Hopkins. Price nominal.

J. W. Youlan has bought a house and lot of J. B. Clark. Price \$1,500.

Religious services are held in the Masonic Hall, West Rupert, every Sabbath evening by Rev. Mr. Garland, pastor of the Congregational Church.

The stockholders of the Rupert Dairy Association met at their Cheese Factory in Rupert on the 27th day of February, 1871, at 6:12 o'clock, p. m., according to an order from the Judges of the County Court, and appointed the following officers for the year ensuing: Hon. J. G. Burton, President; S. H. Taylor, J. L. McCall, Vice Presidents; C. F. Sheldon, Secretary; C. M. Sheldon, Treasurer; C. F. Sheldon, Seymour Harwood, John Farrar, Directors; J. H. Guild, Elton C. Funda, Alexander Trumble, Auditors.

Danby was organized one hundred and two years ago; March 14, 1769.

The Mineral Springs in this town and Mt. Tabor are coming into notice. We need a good hotel to accommodate people who desire to visit them. Our people are talking! Will they act?

How to decide between a cheese factory and the milk-train is the question farmers here are talking and thinking about, many think it more profitable to sell the milk, which is probably true.

BUSINESS.

Business is improving here and our village looks lively.

The first milk-car passed through our town on Wednesday last. Farmers are a little cautious about sending milk to New York until some one tries the experiment.

E. R. Green is about making an addition to his store.

H. J. Spafford contemplates leaving town to take a place in the employ of the Troy and Boston Railroad Company at Eagle Bridge. Mr. Spafford has won hosts of friends during his stay in Berlin and it is with regret that we hear of his departure.

LEBANON SPRINGS.

Columbia Hall is being thoroughly overhauled, Messrs. Gale & Co. have over thirty men at work repairing and altering for the coming summer business. Their circular, a handsome pamphlet printed by Chickering & Atwell, Pittsfield, Mass., is out, and we predict great success for Columbia Hall under the management of our old friends, Messrs. Daniel Gale